

IA: The Value and Future Role of Economic and Security  
Assistance to "Strategically Situated" Third World Nations

Concept

Current problems of insurgency, subversion, or economic and political instability that preoccupy many "Third World" countries may provide new opportunities for "donor" nations and organizations to build influence through economic and/or security assistance. This Intelligence Assessment is based on the assumption that foreign assistance could be used as an increasingly important diplomatic instrument for influence building both by major powers and multi-national organizations. The assessment will also seek to identify those countries where competition for influence through assistance may become sharper. This requires country-specific assessments of problems that selected "Third World" nations face and the extent to which foreign economic and military assistance can contribute to their solution. The various aid policies and programs of "donors" will also be examined both in terms of strategies and comparative effectiveness. Finally, the comparative impact of these programs on the selected countries will be assessed to identify the trend in influence gained by the non-Communist and Communist sides, respectively.

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